

*Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine*  
*2001*



*Graduate School Commencement*

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Graduate School Commencement Ceremony  
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Master of Science in Health Sciences - Physician Assistant Studies  
Master of Science in Clinical Health Psychology  
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences  
Certificate of Respecialization in Clinical Psychology*

*Sunday, August 19, 2001, 11:00 A.M.*

*Radisson Twelve Caesars  
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## **The Second Annual Graduate School Commencement Ceremony August 19, 2001**

When osteopathic schools were forming throughout the country in the 1890s, two students at the Northern Institute of Osteopathy in Minneapolis, Mason W. Pressly and Oscar John Snyder, targeted Philadelphia as a future home for an osteopathic medical college. While the city of brotherly love had a rich history of medicine, it had but one “osteopathist” by the time Pressly and Snyder graduated in 1898 and 1899, respectively. The two DOs followed through with their vision, incorporating the Philadelphia College and Infirmary of Osteopathy on January 24, 1899. The first PCIO degree was awarded to a transfer student; the first PCIO “class,” comprised of two students, graduated in February 1900 from the fledgling college, then located at 21 South 12th Street.

The college prospered and moved through a number of sites in its first century, including 1715 North Broad Street, 832 Pine Street, 19th and Spring Garden, 48th and Spruce, and finally, the City Avenue campus. During this growth period, the medical curriculum expanded, osteopathic research was initiated, and clinic and hospital services grew rapidly as the medical school’s student body and faculty increased dramatically.

After nearly a century of training physicians, PCOM launched its first graduate degree program, the Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences, in 1993. The first five graduates in June 1995 marked the beginning of yet another period of growth for the college - the development of a graduate school. Six years later, more than 250 graduate students are enrolled in PCOM’s graduate degree programs.

These students pursue studies at the masters level in biomedical science, clinical health psychology and physician assistant studies. Doctoral-level study is offered in clinical psychology for professionals seeking the Psy.D., respecialization in clinical psychology, or a certificate of advanced graduate study. Through innovative distance learning methods and modern telecommunications technology, PCOM extends its psychology program to off-campus classes at East Stroudsburg University and the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg.

The faculty and administration are pleased that you are with us on this important day in our academic year, as we celebrate our graduate students, their research and their future in the academic and professional community.





# Program

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**Prelude Music** ..... Renaissance and Baroque  
Selections by The Cathedral-Basillica  
Brass Quartet

**Processional** ..... “March from Athalie”  
(Felix Mendelssohn)

**Faculty Marshals** ..... Arthur Freeman, Ed.D.  
Kenneth R. Harbert, Ph.D.  
Richard M. Kriebel, Ph.D.

**Invocation** ..... Laura Molloy, PA-C

**President’s Welcome** ..... Matthew Schure, Ph.D.

**Dean’s Remarks and  
Introduction of Speaker** ..... Kenneth J. Veit, D.O., M.B.A.

## Address:

### “Health Care in the Media Age”

**Brian McDonough, M.D.**

**Medical Editor, KYW Radio and Fox TV**

**Presentation of Candidates  
for Degrees in Course** ..... Kenneth J. Veit, D.O., M.B.A.  
Robert G. Cuzzolino, Ed.D.

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**Conferring of the Degrees** ..... Dr. Schure  
Dr. Freeman  
Dr. Gosch  
Dr. Harbert  
Dr. Kriebel

**Closing Prayer** ..... Rabbi Hillel Weiner

**Fanfare and Recessional** ..... “Trumpet Tunes” (Henry Purcell)

## *Commencement Speaker*

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### **Brian McDonough, M.D.**

Brian McDonough, M.D., has an extensive background in medicine and broadcasting. His ability to translate health information for a lay audience has attracted a national audience. He is a regular lecturer in PCOM's public health course and has trained many PCOM medical graduates through his residency program in family medicine at St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware.

Dr. McDonough's syndicated medical reports and health talk show can be heard on more than 500 radio stations in all 50 states. He can be seen three times each week on FOX television and has served as medical editor for Health Ink & Vitality Communications for more than a decade. He has written three books and has received three Emmy Awards for his work in the media.

Dr. McDonough is Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at Temple University School of Medicine, where he graduated in 1985. During the mid 90s, he served there as Vice Chairman of Family Medicine and Community Health.

He is the Associate Director of the St. Francis Hospital Family Practice Residency Program in Wilmington, where he maintains an active practice. Among his academic awards: the Sir William Osler Award for Teaching, the American Academy of Pediatrics Distinguished Service Citation and the Delaware Academy of Family Physicians Award of Achievement.

# *Degrees in Course*

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## **The Graduates and Their Research**

### **DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**William R. Korey**

B.A. Temple University

M.S., J.D., L.L.M. University of Bridgeport

Multivariate Assessment of Propensity for Intimate Partner Abuse by Men

**James Patrick Mahan**

B.A. LaSalle University

M.A. LaSalle University

MAD-AS: Development and Validation of a Psychometric Test  
for the Measurement of Anger

### **CERTIFICATE OF RESPECIALIZATION IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**Cynthia A. Candelaria**

B.S., M.A. George Peabody College

Ed.D. Vanderbilt University

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY**

**Tricia L. Ball**

B.A. Rowan University

**Deborah Olivia Gibbs**

B.A. Temple University

M.S. Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Suzanne Marie Simmers**

B.A. University of Scranton

**Audrey Elaine Taormina**

B.A. Richard Stockton College

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

### **Kimberly Ann Baldwin**

B.A. George Mason University  
The Role of Chlamydia Pneumoniae Infected Keratinocytes  
in Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma

### **Christopher Cavallaro**

B.A. LaSalle University  
Healing of Experimental Skin Ulcers in Guinea Pigs  
Compromised with Vitamin C Deficiency

### **Heidi Danielle Dorfman**

B.A. University of Pennsylvania  
Nitric Oxide Inhibition in Neuronal Damage  
Following Dynorphin-Induced Spinal Cord Injury

### **Karen Lynn Flotildes**

B.A. Loyola Marymount University  
Evaluation of the Effect of Osteopathic Manipulative  
Techniques (OMT) on Headache Pain

### **Timothy J. Harrison**

B.A. Ithaca College  
Measurement of 2, 3-Diphosphoglycerate Levels  
in Severely Compromised Dialysis Patients with Amputations

### **Joseph Alexis Ignacio**

B.S. Juniata College  
Purification and Characterization of the 58kDa  
Serratia Marcescens Metalloprotease

### **KosunIQUE Jenkins**

B.S. University of Maryland  
IL-4 Inhibits IL-1 Induces Expression of Stromelysin-1 (MMP-3)  
But Not Collagenase-1 (MMP-1) MRNA in Human Gingival Fibroblasts

### **Anita V. Ketty**

B.S. Lehigh University  
Association of Cognitive Dysfunction with Neurodegeneration  
in the Brains of Aged Fischer/Norway Rats

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**Suzanne Kuttler**

B.A. LaSalle University

Role of Cyclooxygenase Inhibitors in Neuronal Damage Following  
Dynorphin-Induced Spinal Cord Injury

**Emily Lawrence**

B.S. Syracuse University

Is the Severity of Coronary Elastic Recoil Increased with the Use of the  
Novoste Beta Cath System Device?

**John Patrick McMahon**

B.A. Duquesne University

Effect of Pre-Emptive Morphine on Perioperative Fentanyl  
in Elective Total Knee Arthroplasty

**Dolly Mishra**

B.S. Ursinus College

The Relationship Between Plasma Ubiquitin Levels  
and Loss of Body Cell Mass in Rheumatoid Arthritis

**Stacey Parker**

B.S. Drexel University

Effect of Bupivacaine Infusion of Post-Surgical Pain  
Following Correction of Equinovarus Foot Deformity Using  
the Split Anterior Tibialis Tendon Transfer Procedure

**Thomas Justin Pirosko**

B.S. Carnegie Mellon University

Effect of Pre-Emptive Morphine on Post-Surgical Pain Following  
Total Knee Arthroplasty

**Melissa Aries Platz**

B.S. Hahnemann University

Plasma Glutamate/Glutamine as a Biomarker of Skeletal Muscle Catabolism  
Among Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis

**Donna Lynn Winter**

B.S. Elizabethtown College

Efficacy and Safety of Dextromethorphan on Morphine Analgesia in Cancer Patients

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES**

**Desiree A. Antonacci**

B.S. West Chester University

Varicella Vaccine: Current Opinions and Practices of Pediatricians

**Tammy Jo Bucari**

B.S. University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

Routine Subjective Global Assessment for Protein-Energy

Malnutrition Prevention in Elderly Patients

**Marie Chen**

B.S. University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

Regimens, Efficacy and Acceptability Concerning the Use of

Mifepristone and Misoprostol in Early Abortions

**John Philip Conza**

B.S. University of the State of New York

A Comparison of Educational Programs: Physician Assistants and

Nurse Practitioner Graduate Programs

**Nadine Angela Ennis**

B.S. Medgar Evers College

The Initiation of a Nutritional Protocol for Newly Diagnosed COPD Patients

**Kevin John Gallen**

B.S. Georgia Institute of Technology

M.S. The University of Mississippi

Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH)

Current Controversies in the Screening and Diagnosis of DDH

**Keefe Giffin**

B.S. University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

Diabetic Nephropathy: Natural History, Pathophysiology, Screening

and Management Techniques

**Brian Philip Green**

B.S. York College of Pennsylvania

The Effect of Seacure, a Protein Supplement on Lean Body Mass in HIV Infected Males

Treated with Anti-Retroviral Therapy for More than Six Months

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**Tiffany Ann Griffith**

B.A. Rutgers University

M.S. Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Autism: Current Biological and Genetic Research Findings

**Linda Elaine Grove**

B.S. West Chester University

The Dietary Impact on the Risk of Developing Cardiovascular Disease

**Bee Millicent Arleen Heeney**

B.S. Ursinus College

Complications of Lasik Treatment for All Degrees of Myopia

**Melissa Katherine Hoffman**

B.S. Villanova University

The Role of Exercise in the Treatment of Diabetes Mellitus Type 2

**Alexander Iskandar**

B.S. Penn State University

Current Concepts and Treatment of Achilles Tendon Ruptures

**Abrin "Abby" Jacobson**

B.S. University of Pittsburgh

Hormonal Replacement Therapy and Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulators

**Roxanne Matkiwsky**

B.S. Rutgers University-Cook College

The Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease

**Nicole Miller**

B.A. LaSalle University

Celiac Disease: Identifying and Understanding its Clinical Manifestations in Order to Make a Prompt Diagnosis

**Kristin Elizabeth Notz**

B.A. Bucknell University

Diabetes Mellitus: The Importance of Tight Glycemic Control

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**Constantine Joseph Pappamihel**

B.S. The George Washington University  
The Pathophysiology and Treatment of Musculoskeletal Inflammation

**Betsy Philip**

B.S. University of the Sciences in Philadelphia  
Breast Feeding: Healthy Benefits for Both Mother and Child

**Joanne E. Richard**

B.S. Grove City College  
Pediatric HIV: Prevention of Vertical Transmission

**Erin Frances Richards**

B.S. Boston University  
The Role of the Physician Assistant in the Diagnosis  
and Management of Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease

**Susan Wilson Rosen**

B.S. East Stroudsburg University  
Varicella Vaccine: Current Opinions and Practices of Pediatricians

**Julie I. Street**

B.S. Penn State University  
The Role of Folic Acid in Health Education and Health Promotion

**John D. Verna**

B.S. Temple University  
The Genotypic and Phenotypic Assays in HIV-1 Infection

**Marie Hong Vu**

B.S. Lockhaven University  
The Complications of Pregnancy after a Vertical Gastropasty

**Laura E. Wildman**

B.S. West Chester University  
The Pharmacotherapeutic Treatment of Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa

**Kelly A. Zakszeski**

B.S. University of the Sciences in Philadelphia  
Diabetic Retinopathy: Diagnosis, Analysis of Present  
Management and Screening Strategies, Interpretation of Current Research,  
and Advances in Treatment Options



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## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (awarded in recognition of doctoral degree candidacy)**

Hannelore Barberi  
Iris Baughman  
Patricia Beldotti  
T. Lynne Bennett  
Claudia Blackburn  
John Blue  
Marian Bova  
Flora Casallas  
Janice Cunningham  
David Day  
Ellen Spandorfer Denenberg  
Michael Dolan  
Sherri Edelman  
Sharon Elwell  
Yvonne Foster  
Christine Ganis  
Anya Genierser-DeRosa  
Dawn Gullette-Crosson  
Robert Guillard  
James Jackson  
Michael Kinney  
Virginia Koutsouros  
Valerie Lemmon  
Lisa Lenz  
Leah Longan  
Stephen Mack  
Nancy Madden  
Monica Malone  
Donna Martin  
Roya McCloskey

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Rori Minissale  
Paula Mittleman  
Carole Moretz  
Thomas Morey  
Virginia Murphy-Reiley  
Marilyn Mussomeli  
Marni Nutkowitz  
Dorothy Parke  
Cheryl Patchin  
Lynn Rosenthal  
Carolyn Rutherford  
Jesus Salas  
Carol Schober  
David Schmoyer  
John Seasoc  
Stacey Summers  
Barbara Sulik  
Judith Stern  
Karen Tanner  
Jordan Weisman  
Beverly White  
Karyne Wilmer  
Joseph Wysocki  
Carrie Yurica

# *Awards*

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## **The Sara Somers Rupert Senior Student Humanitarian Award**

This award is presented at graduation to the senior Physician Assistant student who has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to those in need. The recipient exemplifies the philosophy of “health care service and compassion above self.”

**John D. Verna**

## **Sigma Xi Chapter Award**

Sigma Xi is the national society that promotes and encourages scientific research. The annual PCOM Sigma Xi Chapter Award acknowledges the PCOM student who has demonstrated excellence in and contributed to basic and clinical research at the college.

**Thomas Pirosko**

## **The Cathedral-Basilica Brass Quartet**

### **Musicians**

Elin Frazier, Director and First Trumpet  
Scott Burbak, Second Trumpet  
Douglas Slick, First Trombone  
Michael Galen, Second Trombone

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